

What is claimed is:

1. A terminal mounting method for mounting press-fit
5 terminals in a plurality of terminal insertion channels
parallel defined in an insulating housing, the method
comprising:

a first step for adjusting spaces between adjacent
ones of the terminals such that each of the terminals
10 can enter one of the terminal insertion channels,

a second step for holding a required number of the
terminals for the insulating housing, and

a third step for inserting the terminals all at once
into the plurality of terminal insertion channels.

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2. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the
terminals are supplied as a jointed terminal assembly
having the parallel press-fit terminals and joint
portions jointing adjacent ones of the terminals to
20 each other, and

the method further comprises a fourth step for removing
at least one of the joint portions to isolate associated
adjacent ones of the terminals from each other before the
terminals are received in the insulating housing.

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3. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the

terminal has a connection portion that can move into a connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal to a second press-fit terminal disposed in a second insulating housing when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit terminal, and

the method comprises a fifth step for moving the connection portion to connect the terminal received in the insulating housing to the second press-fit terminal received on the second insulating housing and for keeping the connection portion to isolate the terminal received in the insulating housing from the second press-fit terminal when the insulating housings are layered.

4. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the insulating housing can receive the terminals in predetermined ones of the plurality of terminal insertion channels, and

the method further comprises a sixth step for adjusting spaces between the terminals held in the second step to coincide with spaces between the predetermined terminal insertion channels.

5. A terminal mounting method for mounting press-fit terminals in a plurality of terminal insertion

channels parallel defined in an insulating housing,

wherein the terminals are supplied as a jointed terminal assembly having the parallel press-fit terminals and joint portions jointing adjacent ones of the terminals to each other, and the terminal has a connection portion that can move into a connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal to a second press-fit terminal received in a second insulating housing when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit,

the insulating housing being able to receive the terminals in predetermined ones of the plurality of terminal insertion channels,

the method comprising:

a step S1 for adjusting spaces between adjacent ones of the terminals such that each of the terminals can enter one of the terminal insertion channels,

a step S2 for holding a required number of the terminals for the insulating housing, and

a step S3 for removing at least one of the joint portions to isolate associated adjacent ones of the terminals from each other after the terminals has been received in the insulating housing,

a step S5 for moving a connection portion to a

connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal to a second press-fit terminal received in a second insulating housing when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit terminal,

a step S7 for adjusting spaces between the terminals held in the second step to coincide with spaces between the predetermined terminal insertion channels, and

a step S8 for inserting the terminals all at once into the plurality of terminal insertion channels.